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**Marking Scheme**

**Design and Communication Graphics**

**Higher Level**

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**Question A-1****MARKS****(a) Complete the elevation (11)**

- (i) Identify points on the ellipse in plan ..... 2
- (ii) Locate points in the end view ..... 2
- (iii) Projection of points from ellipse in plan to the elevation ..... 2
- (iv) Locate points on the curve in the elevation..... 3
- (v) Draw the curve in elevation ..... (Any = 1) ..... 2

**(b) One-piece surface development (9)**

- (vi) Determine true shape of the outline of surface **A** ..... 3
- (vii) Establish points on the curve on surface **A**..... 3
- (viii) Draw the curve in the surface development ..... 1
- (ix) Determine the development of surface **B** in correct position ..... 2

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**Total = 20**
**Question A-2****MARKS****(a) Location of line of eccentricity and vertex (9)**

- (i) Location of a point on the line of eccentricity ..... 4
- (ii) Draw the line of eccentricity ..... 1
- (iii) Location of the vertex ..... 4

**(b) Draw the hyperbola (11)**

- (iv) Location of 3 points below latus rectum ..... 4
- (v) Location of 3 points above latus rectum ..... 4
- (vi) Draw curve .... (any = 1) ..... 3

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**Total = 20**

**Question A-3****MARKS****(a) Determine the traces of the plane ABCD (8)**

- (i) Extend edge **CD** in plan to intersect the XY line (H.T.) ..... **2**
- (ii) Establish a point on the vertical trace in elevation ..... **4**
- (iii) Draw the vertical trace..... **2**

**(b) Complete the elevation of the label (12)**

- (iv) Project points from plan ..... **2**
- (v) Use of appropriate method to establish points in elevation ..... **6**
- (vi) Draw the front of the label..... **2**
- (vii) Complete the elevation including hidden detail..... **2**

**Total = 20****Question A-4****MARKS****(a) Plan and elevation of the line of intersection (15)**

- (i) Horizontal section in elevation through both planes ..... **3**
- (ii) Establish a second point on the line of intersection in plan ..... **6**
- (iii) Draw the plan of the line of intersection ..... **3**
- (iv) Draw the elevation of the line of intersection ..... **3**

**(b) Draw true shape of plane DEF (5)**

- (v) Use of appropriate method to determine true shape ..... **1**
- (vi) Determine correct vertices ..... **2**
- (vii) Draw true shape of surface **DEF** ..... **2**

**Total = 20**

**Question B-1****MARKS****(a) Elevation and Plan as given (32)**

- |        |                                                                                     |   |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (i)    | Draw the pentagonal based pyramid in plan .....                                     | 5 |
| (ii)   | Draw the outline of the triangular prism in plan .....                              | 4 |
| (iii)  | Draw the elevation of the pentagonal based prism .....                              | 4 |
| (iv)   | Draw the outline elevation of the inclined triangular prism .....                   | 5 |
| (v)    | Complete left-hand side of the triangular based prism in elevation.....             | 3 |
| (vi)   | Complete left-hand side of the triangular based prism in plan.....                  | 5 |
| (vii)  | Horizontal detail on right-hand side of the triangular based prism in elevation ... | 1 |
| (viii) | Complete right-hand side of the triangular based prism in plan .....                | 4 |
| (ix)   | Vertical detail on right-hand side of the triangular based prism in elevation ..... | 1 |

**(b) Complete the projections of the desk lamp (28)**

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| (x)    | Establish interpenetration points on left hand side of plan ..... | 4 |
| (xi)   | Complete left-hand side of plan including hidden detail .....     | 3 |
| (xii)  | Establish interpenetration points on right hand side .....        | 4 |
| (xiii) | Establish turning points on right hand side .....                 | 4 |
| (xiv)  | Project turning points to plan or elevation .....                 | 3 |
| (xv)   | Complete right-hand side of plan .....                            | 5 |
| (xvi)  | Complete right-hand side of elevation .....                       | 5 |

**Total = 60**

**Question B-2**

|                                                                                                   | <b>MARKS</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>(a) Elevation and Plan of intersecting planes ABCD and BCEF (16)</b>                           |              |
| (i) Draw given plan of plane <b>BCEF</b> and edge <b>CD</b> .....                                 | <b>4</b>     |
| (ii) Draw given elevation of plane <b>BCEF</b> and edge <b>CD</b> .....                           | <b>4</b>     |
| (iii) Establish corner <b>A</b> in elevation and complete elevation .....                         | <b>4</b>     |
| (iv) Project corner <b>A</b> to plan and complete plan .....                                      | <b>4</b>     |
| <b>(b) Dihedral Angle between planes ABCD and BCEF (18)</b>                                       |              |
| (v) $X_1Y_1$ parallel to line of intersection <b>AB</b> .....                                     | <b>4</b>     |
| (vi) Projection of planes and line of intersection on new $X_1Y_1$ .....                          | <b>4</b>     |
| (vii) New $X_2Y_2$ perpendicular to line of intersection .....                                    | <b>5</b>     |
| (viii) Projection of planes as lines and indicating dihedral angle .....                          | <b>5</b>     |
| <b>(c) Establish point P and determine the true length of DP (16)</b>                             |              |
| (ix) Establish point <b>P</b> on the true length of edge <b>BC</b> .....                          | <b>4</b>     |
| (x) Project <b>P</b> to plan and elevation .....                                                  | <b>4</b>     |
| (xi) Draw the plan and elevation of the line <b>DP</b> .....                                      | <b>4</b>     |
| (xii) Use of appropriate method to determine the true length of the line <b>DP</b> .....          | <b>2</b>     |
| (xiii) Determine and indicate the true length of <b>DP</b> .....                                  | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>(d) True angle between AB and BF (10)</b>                                                      |              |
| (xiv) Use of appropriate method to determine the true angle between <b>AB</b> and <b>BF</b> ..... | <b>3</b>     |
| (xv) Determine true length of <b>AB</b> .....                                                     | <b>2</b>     |
| (xvi) Determine true length of <b>BF</b> .....                                                    | <b>2</b>     |
| (xvii) Establish the true angle between <b>AB</b> and <b>BF</b> .....                             | <b>3</b>     |
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| <b>Total =</b>                                                                                    | <b>60</b>    |

**Question B-3****MARKS****(a) Axonometric axes and isosceles triangle (8)**

- (i) Draw axonometric axes X, Y, and Z orientated as shown (1,1,1)..... **3**
- (ii) Draw isosceles triangle **abc** ..... **5**

**(b) Draw end elevation and plan, orientated as shown (18)**

- (iii) Correct development of YZ plane in required orientation ..... **4**
- (iv) Draw end elevation as given ..... **6**
- (v) Correct development of XZ plane in required orientation ..... **4**
- (vi) Draw plan as given ..... **4**

**(c) Complete the dimetric projection of the pod (34)**

- (vii) Projections from end elevation and plan..... **3**
- (viii) Determine points on curves in axonometric view ..... **8**
- (ix) Draw curves .....(Any = 1) ..... **5**
- (x) Draw the pod floor ..... **3**
- (xi) Draw the seat ends..... **4**
- (xii) Draw table support and tabletop end..... **3**
- (xiii) Draw division between glass and solid cover ..... **3**
- (xiv) Complete table top and seats ..... **5**

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**Total = 60**

**Question C-1****MARKS****(a) Earthworks on pathway (46)****Earthworks between A and B (Level) - Embankment**

- (i) Draw parallel lines at 10 mm intervals ..... 4
- (ii) Identify intersections with contours and draw curves ..... 4

**Earthworks between A and B (Level) - Cutting**

- (iii) Draw parallel lines at 7.5 mm intervals ..... 4
- (iv) Identify intersections with contours and draw curves ..... 4

**Earthworks on curve section between B and C (Level) – Cutting**

- (v) Draw parallel arcs at 7.5 mm interval..... 3
- (vi) Identify intersections with contours and draw curve ..... 3

**Earthworks on curve section between B and C (Level) – Embankment**

- (vii) Draw parallel arcs at 10 mm interval..... 3
- (viii) Identify intersections with contours and draw curve ..... 3

**Earthworks between C and D (Rising) - Cutting**

- (ix) Draw required 7.5mm arc at **C** and draw tangent ..... 3
- (x) Draw parallel lines at 7.5mm intervals ..... 3
- (xi) Identify intersections with contours and draw curve ..... 3

**Earthworks between C and D (Rising) – Embankment**

- (xii) Draw required 10mm arc at **D** and draw tangent ..... 3
- (xiii) Draw parallel lines at 10mm intervals ..... 3
- (xiv) Identify intersections with contours and draw curve ..... 3

**(b) Elevation, strike and dip of the canopy (14)**

- (xv) Locate points in elevation on support poles **P** and **Q**..... 2
- (xvi) Establish point on pole **R** in elevation and draw the canopy in elevation ..... 4
- (xvii) Determine Strike line ..... 4
- (xviii) Establish Dip Angle..... 4

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**Question C-2****MARKS****(a) Draw given elevation of parabolic curve EBD (16)**

- (i) Draw rectangular outline of parabola ..... 4
- (ii) Construction to determine points on parabola on RHS (or LHS) ..... 6
- (iii) Mirror points to the other side ..... 3
- (iv) Draw parabolic curve **EBD** in elevation ..... (any curve = 1) ..... 3

**(b) Outline end view (10)**

- (v) Draw rectangular outline of parabola ..... 3
- (vi) Construction to determine points on parabola ..... 4
- (vii) Draw parabolic curve **ABC** in end view..... (any curve = 1) ..... 3

**(c) Plan and elevation of tent (26)**

- (viii) Locate points **A, C, D, and E** ..... 4
- (ix) Establish widths on curve in plan (top or bottom half) ..... 8
- (x) Mirror points in plan ..... 2
- (xi) Draw curve..... (any curve = 1)..... 3
- (xii) Draw edges **AE** and **CE** ..... 2
- (xiii) Establish heights for curve **CE** in elevation ..... 4
- (xiv) Draw curve **CE** in elevation..... (any curve = 1)..... 3

**(d) True shape of curve CE (8)**

- (xv) Establish widths on true shape ..... 2
- (xvi) Locate points on true shape curve **CE** ..... 3
- (xvii) Draw true shape curve..... (any curve = 1) ..... 3

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**Question C-3****MARKS****(a) Draw the given elevation of the dipping cone (8)**(i) Draw the given elevation ..... **8****(b) Project the plan of the dipping cone (21)**(ii) Draw plan of the given circles..... **3**(iii) Establish generators of the cone in plan ..... **3**(iv) Draw the generators in elevation ..... **3**(v) Establish points on curve in plan ..... **8**(vi) Draw the curve in plan ..... (Any = 1) ..... **4****(c) Surface development of surface A (25)**(vii) Location of apex in surface development ..... **3**(viii) Transfer longest generator length to surface development ..... **3**(ix) Establish 12 elements in surface development..... **4**(x) Transfer shortest generator length to surface development ..... **2**(xi) Determine intermediate distances for cut section..... **6**(xii) Draw the curve in surface development ..... **3**(xiii) Complete the surface development ..... **4****(d) Elevation of one focal sphere (6)**(xiv) Determine centre point for focal sphere ..... **3**(xv) Draw the focal sphere ..... (Any = 1) ..... **3**

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**Question C-4****MARKS****(a) Line Diagram and Combined Movement (29)**

- (i) Draw line diagram as given (including **AB**, **BC** and Rectangle) ..... **8**
- (ii) Draw arc **AB** for one quarter of a revolution ..... **4**
- (iii) Establish min of 5 angular division lines ( $15^\circ$ ) to locate **B** for each movement ..... **5**
- (iv) Locate corresponding **C** for each movement ..... **8**
- (v) Draw required locus (any = 1) ..... **4**

**(b) Helical Walkway (31)**

- (vi) Draw outline plan and elevation of cylinder ..... **4**
- (vii) Locate points **A** and **B** in elevation and plan ..... **6**
- (viii)  $30^\circ$  divisions in plan ..... **2**
- (ix) Corresponding division of height between **A** and **B** in elevation ..... **4**
- (x) Determine points on helix (min 7, incl. "turning" points) .... (7×1) ..... **7**
- (xi) Draw required helix.... (any = 1) ..... **3**
- (xii) Construction to locate further points above **B** ..... **3**
- (xiii) Draw helix extension to locate required point ..... **2**

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**Question C-5****MARKS****Sectional Elevation (60)****Assembly (6)**

- (i) Relative positioning of components ..... 6

**Main Body (26)**

- (ii) Complete outline of base ..... 4  
 (iii) Outline of the upper portion of Main Body ..... 10  
 (iv) Inner detail of the Main Body ..... 8  
 (v) Offset inner detail of Main Body ..... 4

**Handle (9)**

- (vi) Required outline of the Handle ..... 9

**Punch (5)**

- (vii) Outline of the Punch ..... 4  
 (viii) Inner detail of the Punch ..... 1

**Lower Support (3)**

- (ix) Outline of the Lower Support ..... 2  
 (x) Inner detail of the Lower Support ..... 1

**Pin (2)**

- (xi) Outline of the Pin ..... 2

**Spring (2)**

- (xii) Representation of the Spring ..... 2

**M6 x 20 Set Screw (1)**

- (xiii) Representation of the Set Screw ..... 1

**Completion of drawing (6)**

- (xiv) Presentation, hatching and centrelines ..... 6

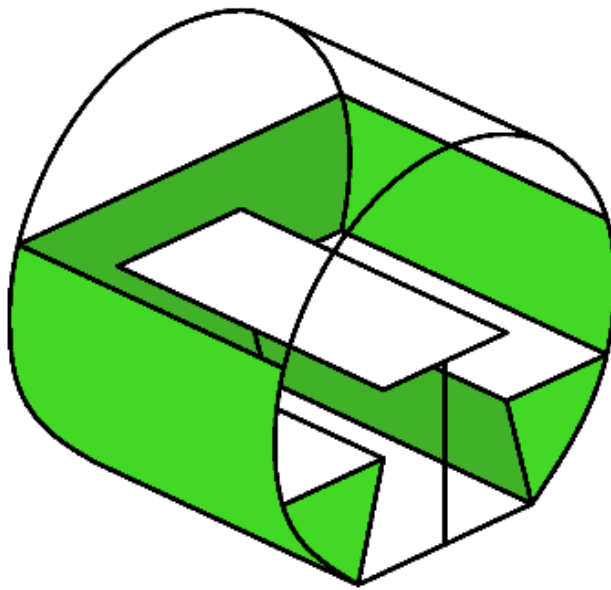
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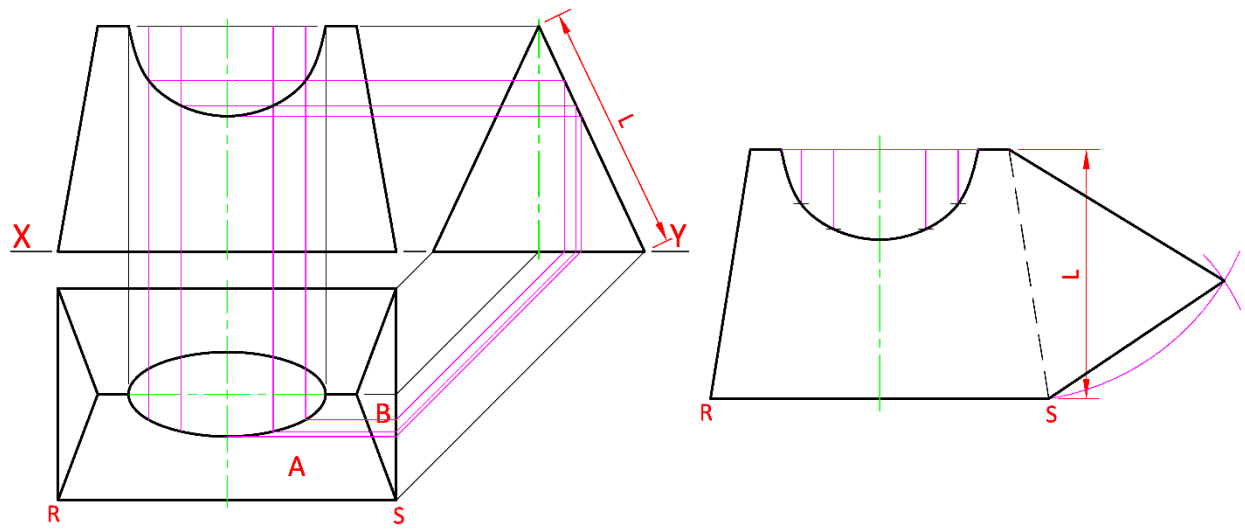
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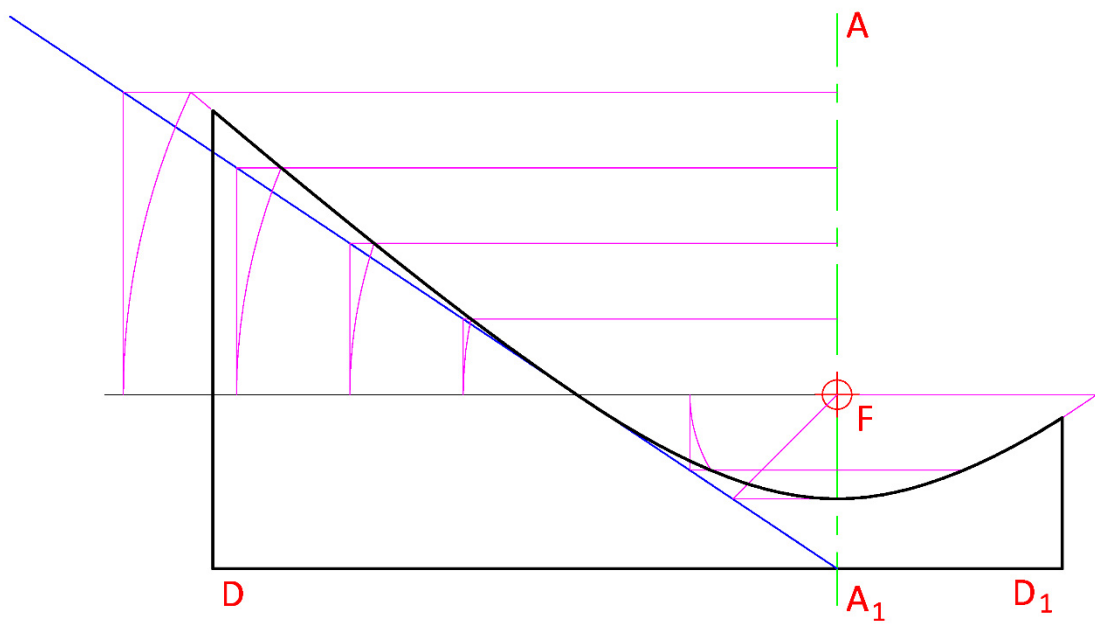
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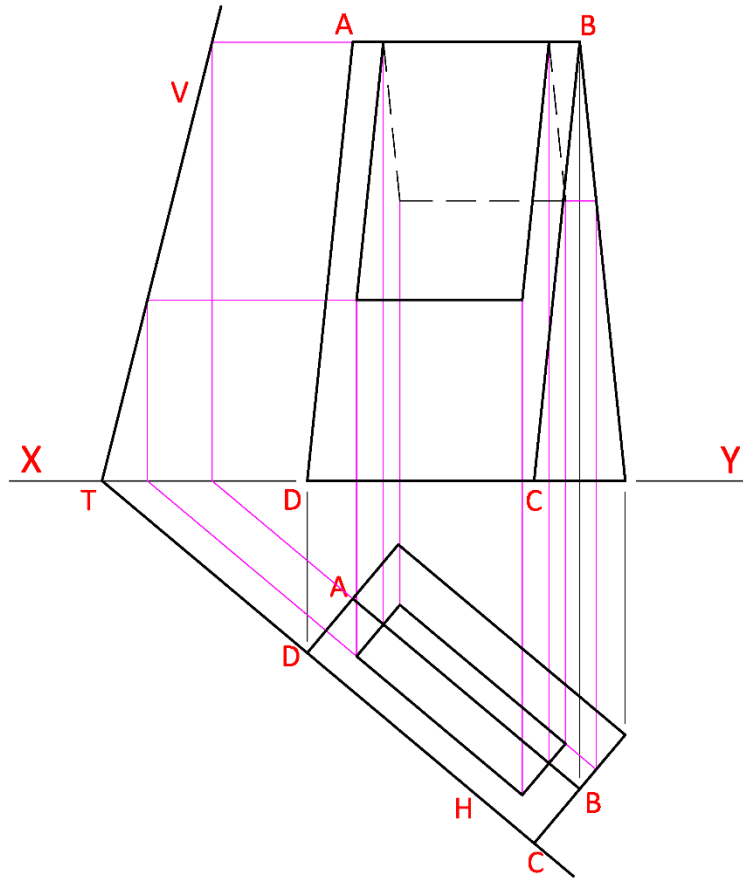
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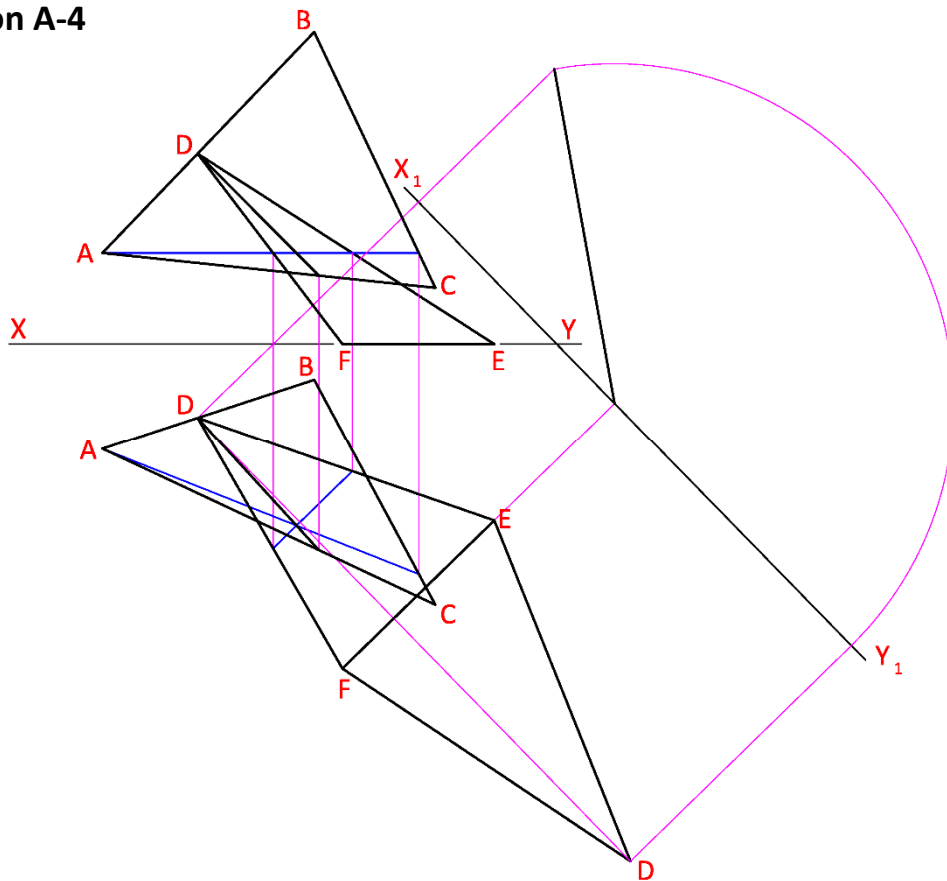
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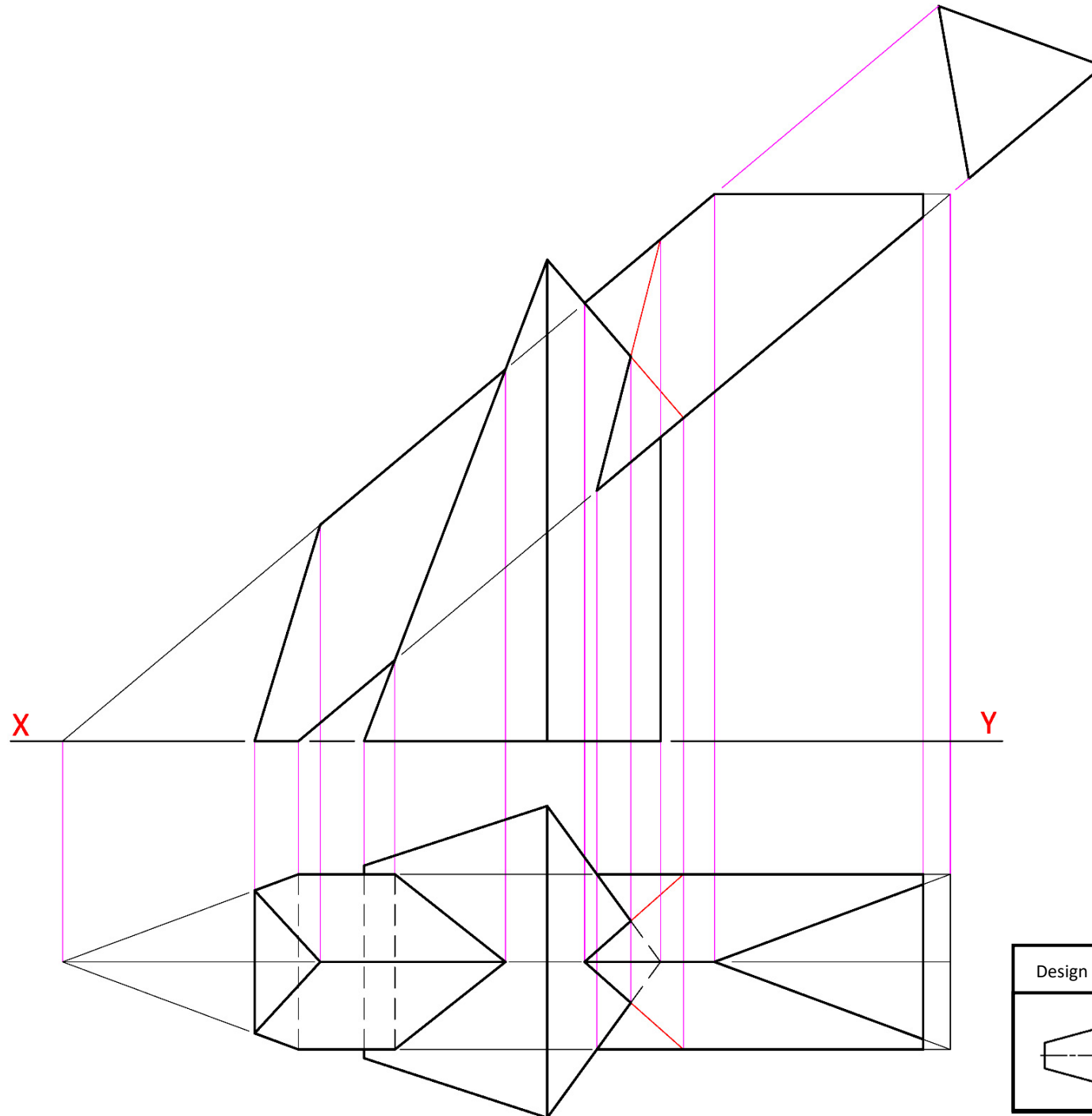


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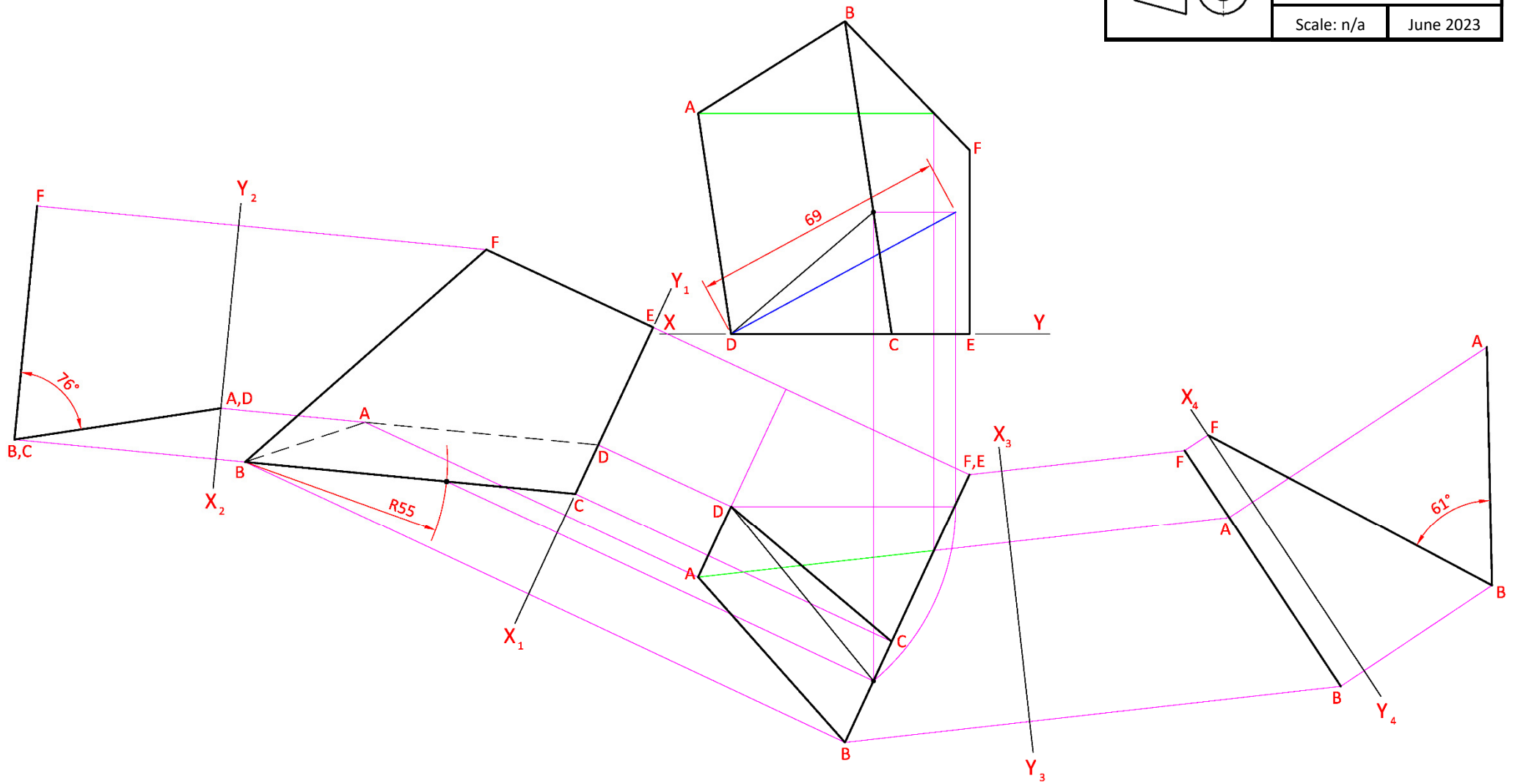
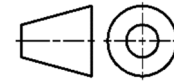


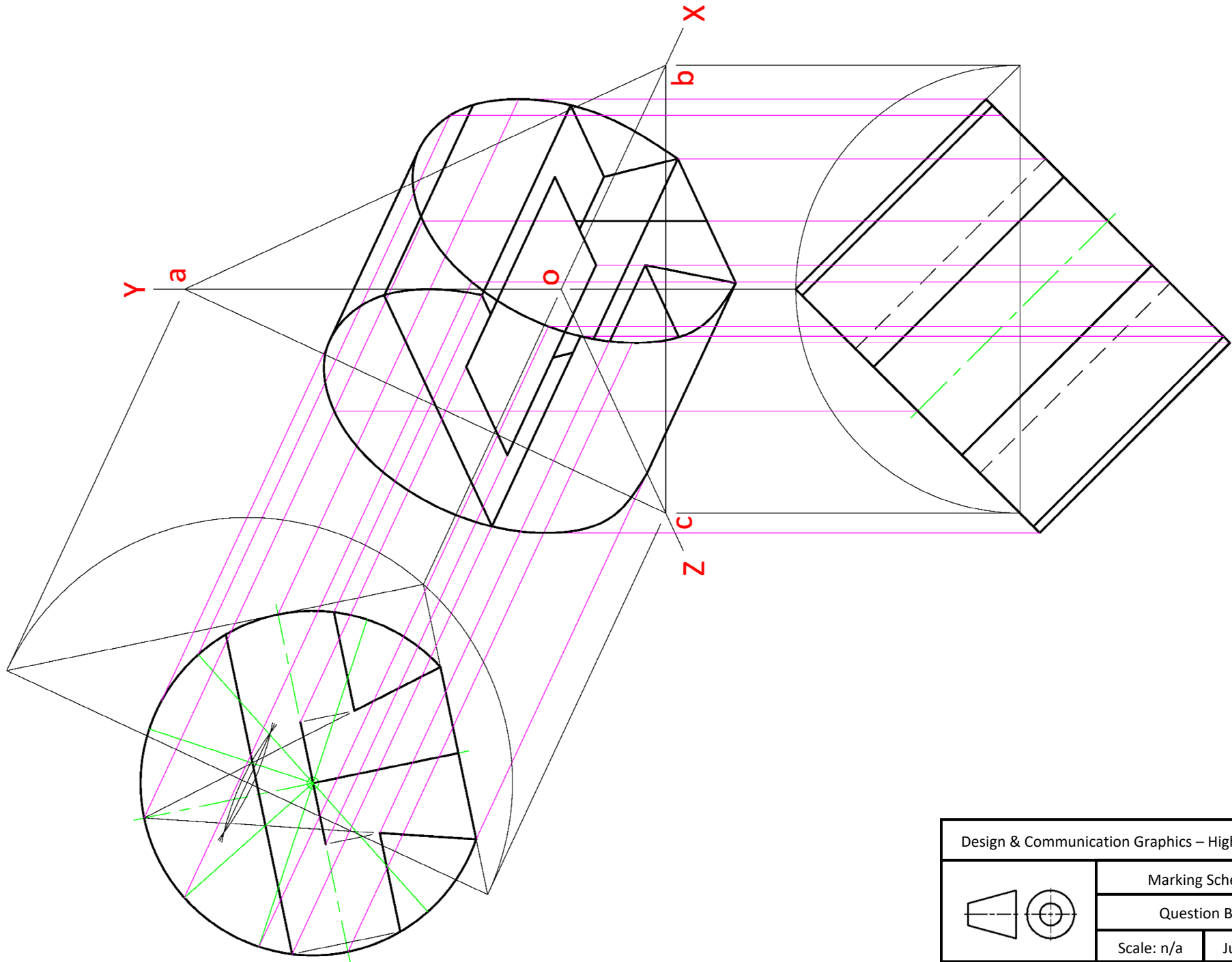
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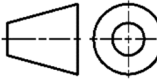




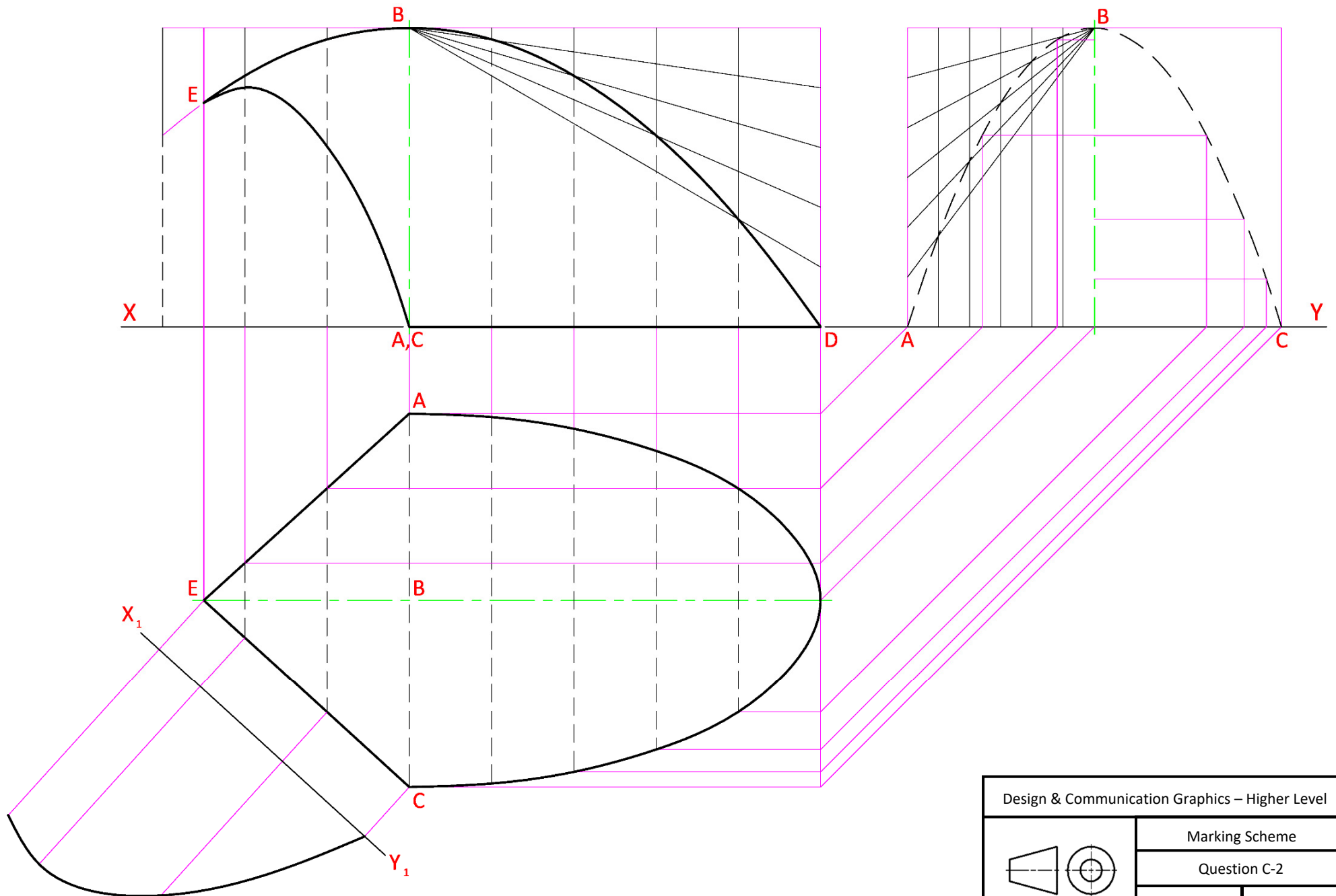
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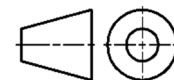


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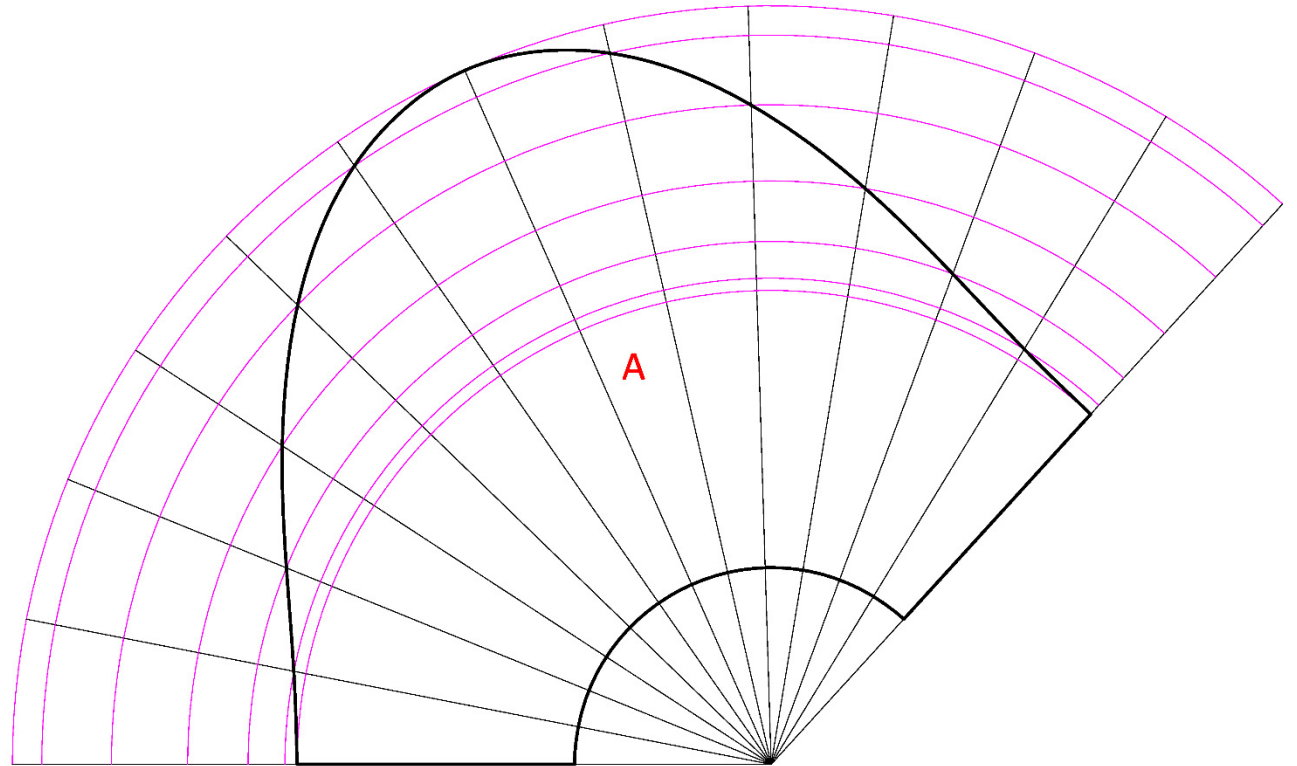
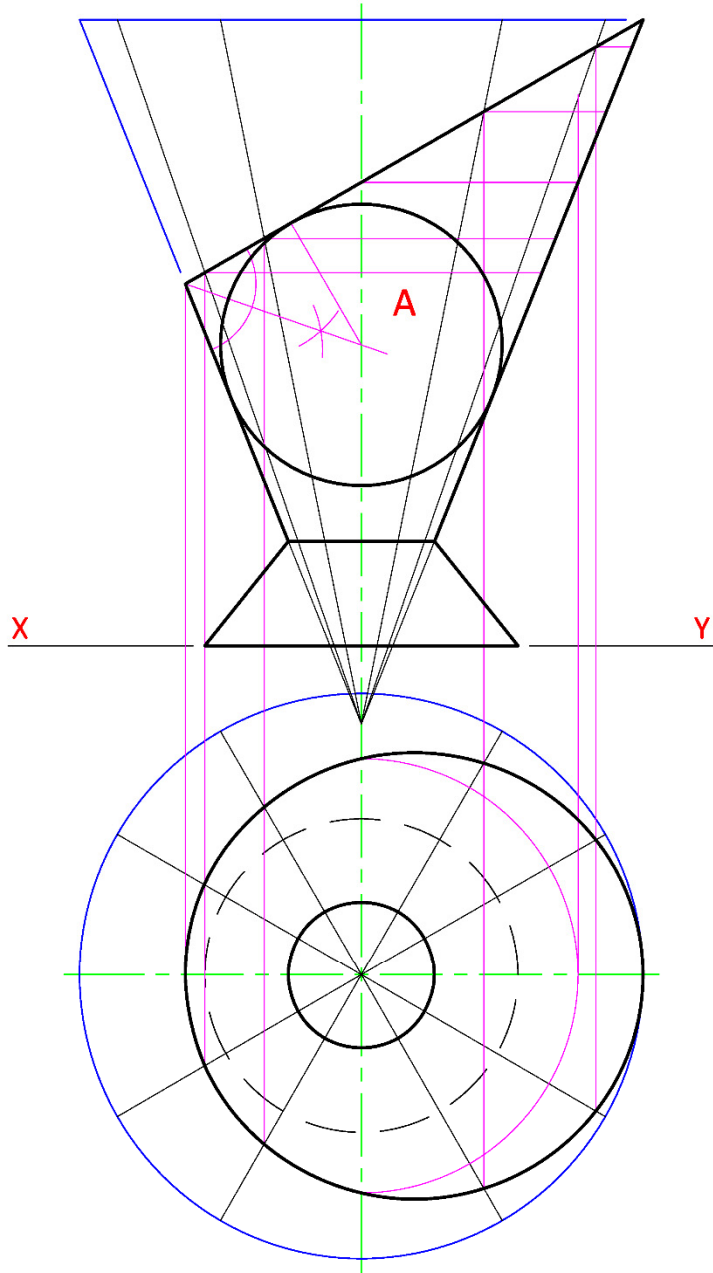


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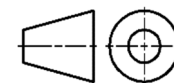
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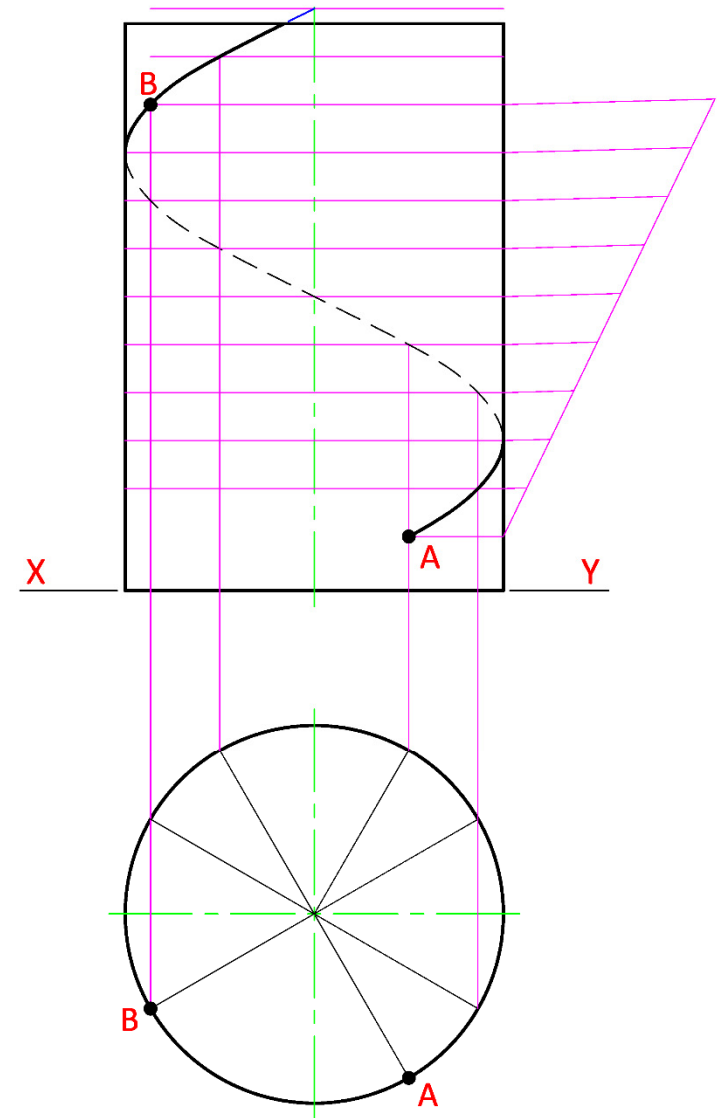
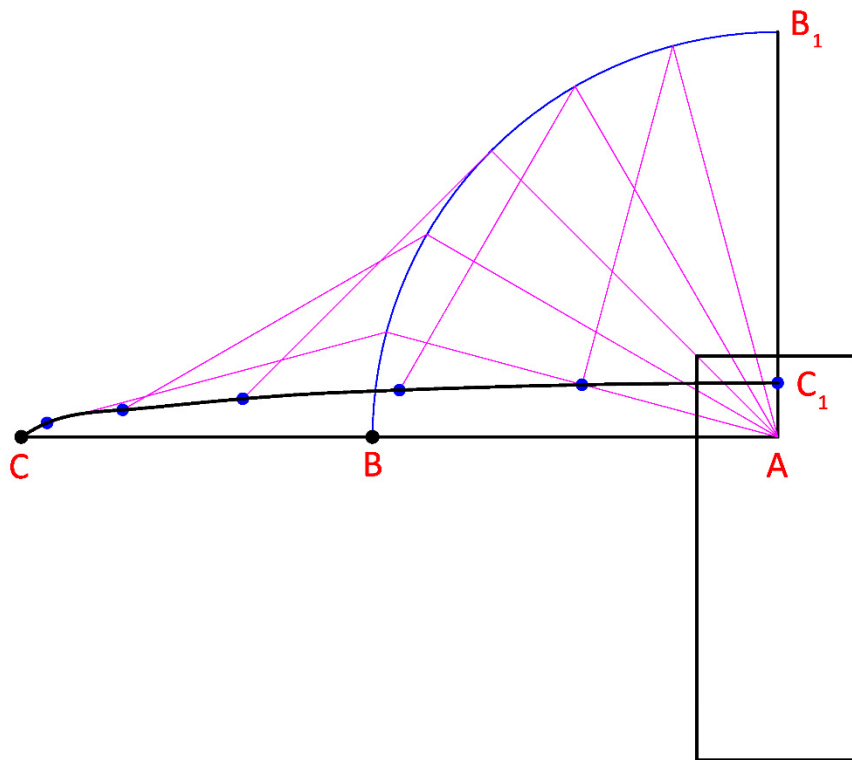


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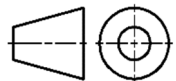
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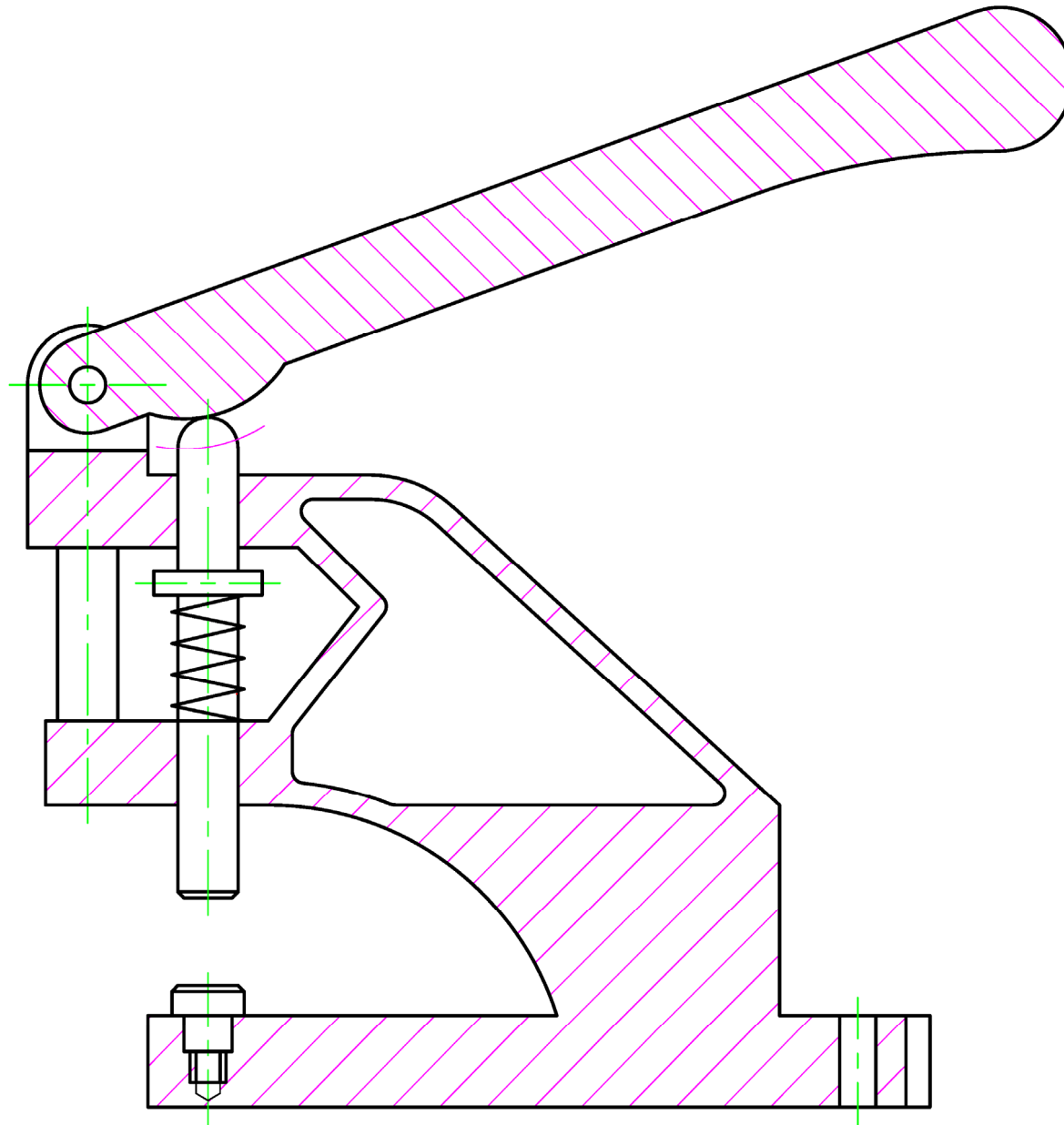


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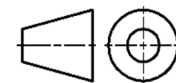
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Question C-5

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| Output                                        | Marking criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |    |  | Marks |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|--|-------|
| 1                                             | Design Research & Design Feature Comparison                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |    |  |       |
|                                               | Exploration of main design features using primary & secondary research; Selection of appropriate graphics; Selection of two appropriate images; Main dimensions inserted; Comparison of main design features; Contrasting of main design features; Effective layout and presentation of information combining images, sketches & annotations | 30 |    |  |       |
| 2                                             | Freehand Graphical Representation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |  |       |
|                                               | Proportion; Form/Volume; Use of Tone/Line for effective rendering; Detailed communication of main design features to include 3D presentation quality drawing; Layout & presentation                                                                                                                                                          | 20 |    |  |       |
| 3                                             | SolidWorks Parts, Assembly, Drawing and eDrawing files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    |    |  |       |
|                                               | Adherence to required filing structure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 35 | 4  |  |       |
|                                               | Creation of a minimum of 5 Part files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    | 2  |  |       |
|                                               | Part models - Proficiency in Parametric CAD, including economy of design and design intent; Selection of most appropriate profiles; Sketches fully defined; Features renamed; Appropriate type of extrusions/end conditions used                                                                                                             |    | 15 |  |       |
|                                               | Factor of difficulty/Design intent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    | 5  |  |       |
|                                               | Assembly - Creation of Assembly; Accuracy of parts to facilitate correct assembly; Correct mating of parts; Application of appropriate appearances                                                                                                                                                                                           |    | 7  |  |       |
|                                               | eDrawing of CAD model                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    | 2  |  |       |
| 4                                             | Hard Copy outputs from SolidWorks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |  |       |
|                                               | Detailed orthographic views of the selected artefact; Section/Detail views where appropriate; pictorial view of the Assembly; Exploded view of the CAD model; Inclusion of main dimensions, notes and symbols; Appropriate scaling, layout and presentation to be considered                                                                 | 15 |    |  |       |
| 5                                             | Graphical exploration of design solutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |    |    |  |       |
|                                               | Exploration of theme/possible solution(s); Justification of chosen solution(s); Use of appropriate images/graphics; Effective layout and presentation of information combining images, sketches & annotations                                                                                                                                | 25 |    |  |       |
| 6                                             | Presentation of Modification/Concept Design                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |    |  |       |
|                                               | Proportion; Form/Volume; Use of Tone/Line for effective rendering; Detailed communication of modified/concept design features; Layout and presentation                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10 |    |  |       |
| 7                                             | Hard copy outputs from SolidWorks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |    |  |       |
|                                               | CAD Model, factor of difficulty/design intent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 25 | 10 |  |       |
|                                               | Detailed orthographic views of the proposed solution; Section/Detail views where appropriate; Rendered pictorial view of the CAD model; Photorealistic images; Inclusion of main dimensions, notes and symbols; Appropriate scaling, layout and presentation to be considered                                                                |    | 15 |  |       |
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